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¶1. (U) This cable responds to the action request in reftel requesting human rights vetting for the candidates nominated to attend the Exchange Pilot Course at Luke AFB, AZ from 01 February 2010 to 01 February 2012.

¶2. (SBU) The Department of State has vetted the individuals listed in reftel and possesses no credible derogatory information as of 02/02/2010. Post is authorized to include the following individuals in USG-funded training:

Name: Ilker CAVUS
Title: Instructor Pilot
Unit: 143 FTU
Organization: Turkish Air Force
DPOB: 18 September 1974, Kocaeli

Name: Murat AGCA
Title: Fighter Pilot
Unit: 4th Main Jet Base
Organization: Turkish Air Force
DPOB: 08 October 1975, Elazig

Name: Gokalp CELIK
Title: Pilot
Unit: 6th Jet Main Base
Organization: Turkish Air Force
DPOB: 22 October 1975, Afyon

Name: Hizer Alp OKUR
Title: Captain
Unit: 2nd Flight Command
Organization: Turkish Air Force
DPOB: 10 October 1973, Diyarbakir

Name: Baris BAYRI
Title: Jet Pilot
Unit: 141 Squadron
Organization: Turkish Air Force
DPOB: 14 December 1976, Iskenderun/Antakya

¶3. (U) Post is permitted to provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individuals identified above, as of 02/02/2010. Post may cite this cable in response.

¶4. (SBU) Note that if Post subsequently becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the individuals listed above, Post should inform the Department and not proceed with training. Post should refer to the Leahy Vetting guidance manual for additional assistance.
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